

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Lubomyr M. Cymbalisty

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Application No. Unassigned

Examiner: Unassigned

Filed: December 15, 2003

For: HYDRODYNAMIC STATIC MIXING
APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR USE
THEREOF IN TRANSPORTING,
CONDITIONING AND SEPARATING
OIL SANDS AND THE LIKE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and/or Substitute Form PTO-1449 ("Form 1449") are submitted for consideration by the Examiner in the examination of the above-identified patent application.

The full consideration of the references in their entirety by the Examiner is respectfully requested and encouraged. Also, it is respectfully requested that the references be entered into the record of the present application and that the Examiner place his or her initials in the appropriate area on the enclosed Form 1449, thereby indicating the Examiner's consideration of each of the references.

The submission of the references listed on the Form 1449 is for the purpose of providing a complete record and is not a concession that the references listed thereon are prior art to the invention claimed in the patent application. The right is expressly reserved to establish an invention date earlier than the above-identified filing date in order to remove any reference submitted herewith as prior art should it be deemed appropriate to do so.

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or

☐ the fee of \$180 set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) (see "Fees" below).

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Copies of the References

- ☒ Copies of the references listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are enclosed herewith. Attached to each reference not in the English language is a concise explanation of the relevance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3). An English-language equivalent/patent, or an English-language abstract, or an English-language version of the search report or action by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office is being submitted in lieu of a concise explanation of the relevance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3).

- ☐ A copy of the foreign search report is enclosed herewith.

- ☐ The references listed on the enclosed Form 1449 were previously identified in the parent application(s) of the present application, and copies of the references were furnished at that time. Accordingly, additional copies of the references are not submitted herewith, so as not to burden the file with duplicate copies of references. The Examiner is respectfully requested to carefully review the references in accordance with the requirements set out in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(d), the details of the parent application(s)

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relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120 in which copies of the references were previously furnished are set out below:

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Fees

- ☒ **No fee** is owed by the applicant(s).
- ☐ The **IDS Fee of \$180** under 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed herewith.

Method of Payment of Fees

- ☐ Attached is a check in the amount of \$.
- ☐ Charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 in the amount of \$. (A duplicate copy of this communication is enclosed for that purpose.)

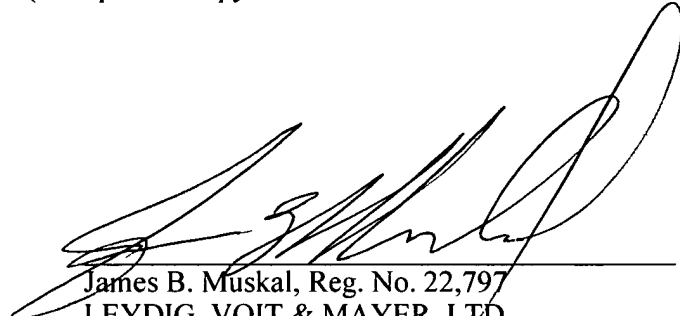
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Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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		Office	Application or Patent Number	Kind Code			Yes	No**
	BA	GB	521,548	B1	E.F. Spanner	05/24/1940		
	BB	GB	569,000	B1	E.F. Spanner	04/30/45		

OTHER - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS				
Examiner Initials	Doc. No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number (s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	Translation	
			Yes	No**
	CA	Map entitled "What of the future" Tar sand areas of the world are now in focus, page 62a, <i>Construction Alberta News</i> , dated May 23, 1977.		
	CB	Map entitled "Oil Sands Region", dated December 8, 2000.		
	CD	Article entitled "Are Motionless Mixers on the Move?", <i>Process Engineering</i> , 10-22 thru 10-24.		
	CE	Article entitled "The Potential of Helically Ribbed Pipes for Solids Transport" by W. Schriek; Reprinted from the Canadian Mining and Metallurgical Bulletin. October, 1974.		

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* A concise statement of relevance is being submitted in lieu of a translation. 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3).

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